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1. SUMMARY. ROMANIAN MEDIA MAY 13 CARRY TEXT OF LENGTHY
POLICY STATEMENT (HOTARIREA) APPROVED THREE DAYS EARLIER BY
RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON ROMANIAN POSITION ON DISARMAMENT IN
PREPARATION FOR FORTHCOMING UN SSOD. STATEMENT REITERATES
LONGSTANDING ROMANIAN DESIDERATA, BUT IN MORE SPECIFIC TERMS
THAN OTHER PREVIOUS DECLARATIONS AND WITH MORE EMPHASIS THAN
BEFORE ON GRADUALIST CONCRETE STEPS TOWARD MORE DISTANT AND
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FAR-REACHING GOALS. STATEMENT WILL BE BASIS OF GOR POSITION
AT SSOD. END SUMMARY.

2. LENGTHY PREAMBLE TO DOCUMENT STATES GOR GOAL IS TO
CONTRIBUTE TOWARD ENDING THE ARMS RACE AND ACHIEVING CON-
CRETE DISARMAMENT MEASURES SINCE ARMS RACE "AGGRAVATES ALL
THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL LIFE--AND POISONS THE

INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE". ALL STATES, IRRESPECTIVE OF SIZE OR STRENGTH, MUST BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN RESOLVING THIS ISSUE; "STERILE DISCUSSIONS" MUST BE REPLACED BY CONCRETE MEASURES DESIGNED TO STOP THE ARMS RACE AND ACHIEVE A REAL REDUCTION IN ARMAMENTS; UN SSOD IS THE MOST REPRESENTATIVE AND APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR "PROFOUND DEBATE AND PRACTICAL MEASURES".

3. CONSEQUENTLY, ROMANIA PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING TOPICS AS "PARTIAL MEASURES OF A TRANSITORY NATURE" LEADING TO MORE THOROUGH-GOING CHANGES ON WHICH SSOD SHOULD DEVELOP A CONSENSUS:

--FREEZING MILITARY EXPENDITURES AT 1978 LEVEL FOLLOWED BY GRADUAL REDUCTION OF 10-15 PERCENT IN PERIOD 1979-1985. PART OF SAVINGS WOULD GO TO EACH COUNTRY'S INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT, AND PART TO SPECIAL UN FUND TO HELP THE POOREST COUNTRIES.

--FREEZING TROOP AND ARMAMENTS AT 1978 LEVEL FOLLOWED BY GRADUAL REDUCTION OF 10-15 PERCENT DURING 1979-85.

--AGREEMENT BY ALL STATES NOT TO DEPLOY NEW TROOPS OR WEAPONS ON TERRITORY OF ANOTHER STATE, AS FIRST STEP TOWARD EVENTUAL ELIMINATION OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS AND BASES IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.

--GRADUAL REDUCTION ACTIVITIES OF MILITARY BLOCS (E.G. NATO, UNCLASSIFIED

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WARSAW PACT) AS STEP TOWARD THEIR DISSOLUTION THROUGH SUCH MEASURES AS NO ADMITTANCE OF ANY NEW MEMBERS AND FREEZING OF FORCE AND WEAPONS AT 1978 LEVEL (I.E. NO DEPLOYMENT OF NEW WEAPONS SUCH AS NEUTRON BOMB).

--MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT FROM BORDER ZONES WITH CREATION OF "SECURITY ZONES" FOR 15-20 KILOMETERS ON EACH SIDE OF A BORDER.

--EXTENSION TO ALL CONTINENTS OF HELSINKI BASKET I PROVISIONS (SIC) ON NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS, NO MANEUVERS NEAR BORDERS, NON-USE OF FORCE, AND NO NEW FOREIGN BASES IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.

--PRIORITY FOR MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT AND DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE THROUGH SUCH MEASURES AS RENUNCIATION OF TROOP MANEUVERS NEAR BORDERS, 10-15 PERCENT REDUCTION BY 1985 OF BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC TROOP LEVELS AND ARMAMENTS, NATO-WARSAW PACT TALKS ON DISSOLUTION WHILE GUARANTEEING SECURITY OF ALL EUROPEAN STATES AND GUARDING AGAINST SURPRISE ATTACK, AND PACT SIGNED BY ALL CSCE MEMBERS RENOUNCING USE OR THREAT OF FORCE.

--SPECIAL ATTENTION TO NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT THROUGH AGREEMENT OF NUCLEAR STATES NOT TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST NON-NUCLEAR STATES AND NOT TO DEPLOY FURTHER NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ANOTHER COUNTRY; AGREEMENT BY ALL STATES TO HALT PRODUCTION AND TESTING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS; CESSATION OF PRODUCTION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL FOR MILITARY USES; AGREEMENT OF ALL STATES TO BAN ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS; AND CREATION OF NUCLEAR-FREE "ZONES OF PEACE AND COOPERATION" (BALKANS ARE SPECIFICALLY NOTED). ABOVE MEASURES WOULD NOT IMPAIR, HOWEVER, RIGHT OF STATES TO USE ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

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--HALT PRODUCTION, REMOVE FROM INVENTORY, AND BAN USE OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION SUCH AS "CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, WEAPONS WHICH MODIFY THE ECOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT, AND NEUTRON WEAPONS".

-- STRENGTHENED ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNITED NATIONS IN DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON IMPROVEMENT AND "DEMOCRATIZATION" OF CCD TALKS IN GENEVA.

--SUPERVISION OF ALL DISARMAMENT MEASURES THROUGH "A CONTROL"
AGREED TO BY ALL INTERESTED STATES, WHETHER THEY POSSESS
NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR NOT.

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--ESTABLISHMENT OF AN "INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT ORGANIZATION"
WITHIN UN FRAMEWORK AND UNDER UNGA SUPERVISION. COMMITTEE I
COULD ALSO BE GIVEN A MANDATE TO CONCERN ITSELF EXCLUSIVELY
WITH DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS.

--STRENGTHENED UN MACHINERY FOR RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL
CONFLICTS THROUGH CREATION OF AN "ORGANIZATION OF GOOD OFFICES
AND CONCILIATION" SUBORDINATE TO UNGA.

4. DOCUMENT CONCLUDES BY STATING ROMANIAN RECEPTIVITY TO
"ALL CONCRETE AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS", CALLING FOR SSOD
TO PRODUCE "CLEAR AND BINDING DOCUMENTS OF SUBSTANCE", AND
URGING ALL PARTICIPANTS TO SHOW A WORKING SPIRIT AND MUTUAL
RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER BY AVOIDING STERILE DEBATES, IN ORDER
TO REACH "A GENERAL AND ACCEPTABLE OUTCOME". "HISTORY, THE
GENERATIONS OF TODAY AND TOMORROW, WILL JUDGE THE ACTIVITY
OF EACH GOVERNMENT, OF EACH STATE, AND OF EACH POLITICAL
LEADER NOT BY THEIR WORDS OR THEIR DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLE
BUT BY THEIR CONCRETE ACTIONS AND BY THEIR GENUINE CONTRI-
BUTIONS TO THE CAUSE OF DISARMAMENT."

5. COMMENT. DOCUMENT IS CONSIDERABLY MORE DETAILED THAN
ROMANIAN DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO UN OCTOBER 1975
(UN DOCUMENT A/CM 1/1066), BUT IT FOLLOWS SAME GENERAL CON-
TOURS. SEVERAL OF THESE IDEAS WERE ALSO SURFACED BY ROMANIAN
DELEGATION AT RECENT BELGRADE CSCE CONFERENCE. WE ARE
PARTICULARLY STRUCK BY REPEATED REFERENCES TO "GRADUAL"
STEPS TO BE TAKEN TOWARD A MORE DISTANT AND GRADUOSE GOAL.
HERETOFORE, ROMANIAN APPROACH HAS GENERALLY BEEN TO INSIST
THAT SWEEPING MEASURES (E.G. REMOVAL OF ALL FOREIGN BASES)
TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY WITH LITTLE OR NO TRANSITION. WE
EXPECT THIS POLICY STATEMENT WILL BE TABLED IN SOME FORM
DURING EARLY STAGES OF SSOD.

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